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- As of mid-June, Chinese Communist casualties in Korea exceeded one million. The casualties per unit are as follows: 4 Field Army, 500,000; 3 Field Army, 150,000; 1 and 2 Field Armies, 100,000 each; others from supply and service units. Half of the casualties were former Nationalist troops and war prisoners captured by UN forces. Since the loss of these former Nationalist troops, the Communist armies are more uniform and are easier to control.
- During May, in order to obtain reinformcements for their heavy losses in Morea, the Chinese Communists reassigned 40,000 men from the 1 Field Army, 45,000 men from the 2 Field Army, 80,000 men from the 3 Field Army and 100,000 men from the 4 Field Army for duty in Korea. Some of these troops formerly fought in Korea, but some are people's militia who must take basic training before being sent into combat. Since the militia have had no battle experience, a large number tried to escape when they heard of Allied fire power.

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